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	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING		
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2010 - 474		
12	DEBORAH JEAN FITCH 691 W. Winthrop Ave.		
13	Claremont, CA 91711  Registered Nurse License No. 275758  ACCUSATION		
14	Public Health Nurse Advanced Certificate No. 24477		
15	Respondent.		
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19	Complainant alleges:		
20	PARTIES		
21	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her		
. 22	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Departmen		
23	of Consumer Affairs (Board).		
24	Registered Nurse License		
25	2. On or about March 31, 1977, the Board issued Registered Nurse License No. 275758		
26	to Deborah Jean Fitch (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect a		
27	all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2011, unless		
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### Public Health Nurse Advanced Certification

3. On or about May 13, 1977, the Board issued Public Health Nurse Advanced Certificate No. 24477 to Deborah Jean Fitch. The Public Health Nurse Advanced Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2011, unless renewed.

### JURISDICTION

4. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 5. Section 118, subdivision (b), provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 6. Section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 7. Section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811, subdivision (b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.
- 8. Section 2761 subdivision (a)(4), provides that the Board may take disciplnary action against a certified or licensed nurse for unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, "denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action."

### **COST RECOVERY**

9. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Disciplinary Action by Department of Social Services)

10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent was disciplined by the State of California, Department of Social Services (DSS). Respondent is the owner and president of Claremont Shelterd Care Center, Inc., an adult residential facility. On or about March 26, 2009, pursuant to the "Stipulation and Waiver; and Order" entered into in the disciplinary proceeding entitled *In the Matter of Claremont Sheltered Care Center, Inc., Deborah Jean Fitch*, CDSS No. 6208122001 and 6208122001B, the DSS placed Respondent Fitch's administrator's certificate and Respondent Claremont Sheltered Care Center, Inc.'s license to operate an adult residential facility on probation for 42 months subject to certain terms and conditions. A copy of the Order is attached as exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License No. 275758, issued to Respondent;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Public Health Nurse Advanced Certificate No. 24477, issued to Respondent;
- 3. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and

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1	4. Taking such other and further	r action as deemed necessary and proper.
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4	DATED: 39910	Louise R. Leuley
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6		Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs
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Exhibit A

Department of Social Services Stipulation and Waiver; and Order, CDSS No. 6208122001 and 6208122001B

1 LEGAL DIVISION Department of Social Services Office of General Counsel SHIRLEY D. RAMIREZ Assistant Chief Counsel NOAH ALLEN, State Bar No. 109503 Senior Staff Counsel 1000 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 670 Monterey Park, CA 91754 Telephone Number: (323) 981-3941 Facsimile Number: (323) 981-2799 7 Attornevs for Complainant 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of: 11 CLAREMONT SHELTERED CARE CDSS No. 6208122001 12 CENTER, INC. OAH No. L2008100645 650 S. Indian Hill Blvd. 13 Claremont, CA 91711 14 15 DEBORAH JEAN FITCH CDSS No. 6208122001B 16 STIPULATION AND WAIVER; AND 17 ORDER 18 Respondents. 19 RESPONDENTS CLAREMONT SHELTERED CARE CENTER, INC. (hereafter 20 "Claremont"), and DEBORAH JEAN FITCH (hereafter "Fitch") having obtained the 21 counsel of Curtis & Green, LLP have been fully advised of the charges of the 22 Accusation (License Revocation and Administrator Decertification) (hereafter 23 "Accusation") in this matter (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and 24 incorporated herein by reference), and hereby enters into the following Stipulation with 25 the COMPLAINANT, JO FREDERICK, as a means of achieving a full and final 26 resolution of the Accusation in lieu of an evidentiary hearing and decision. 27

Claremont stipulation stayed with probation 3-10-09 1

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 Respondents and complainant hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. <u>FINDINGS</u>: Respondents admit to the allegations in the Accusation and agree that for purposes of this matter and all other matters between the Department and the Respondents, the allegations of the Accusation are found to be true and to constitute a legally sufficient basis to revoke Respondent Claremont's license and Respondent Fitch's administrator's certificate.
- 2. REVOCATION OF ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATE: STAYED WITH PROBATION: Respondent Fitch's certificate as an adult residential care facility administrator is revoked upon the adoption by the Department as its Decision and Order in this matter. The Order revoking the certificate shall be STAYED for forty-two months during which time Respondent Fitch shall be permitted to act as a certified administrator for the facility subject to the limitations and conditions identified in paragraph 3 below.
- 3. REVOCATION: STAYED WITH PROBATION: Respondent Claremont's license to operate an adult residential facility located at 650 S. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, California 91711 is revoked upon the Department's adoption of this Stipulation and Waiver as its Order. The revocation of the license shall be STAYED, for forty-two months during which time the Respondent Claremont shall be granted a probationary license subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - A. Respondents agree to operate the facility in compliance with the regulations and statutes governing the operation of an adult residential care facility;
  - B. During the period of probation, the Department in its sole discretion may conduct unannounced site visits for the purpose of determining whether there is full compliance with the regulations and statutes governing the operation of an adult residential care facility;
  - C. This Stipulation, Waiver, and Order shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the facility for the duration of the probationary period;

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- D'. Respondents shall ensure that residents are administered only medications that are prescribed by their treating physicians;
- E. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Stipulation Waiver, and Order, Respondents shall employ a qualified pharmacist to review resident medication records every 180 days and provide written certifications that all medications are current;
- F. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Stipulation Waiver, and Order, Respondents shall submit to the Department, for approval, a written plan that describes how facility staff shall handle routine, urgent, or emergency medical or psychiatric conditions of residents;
- G. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Stipulation Waiver, and Order, Respondents shall submit to the Department, for approval, a written plan that ensures that the each resident is observed daily;
- H. Respondents shall ensure that person who is qualified to respond to medical and psychiatric emergencies is on duty in the facility at all times;
- Respondent shall ensure that the facility is clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair at all times for the safety and well-being of residents, employees and visitors;
- J. Respondent shall not accept any resident with a restricted health condition except persons diagnosed as insulin-dependent pursuant to Regulation section 80092.8;
- K. If Respondent chooses to care for resident with a restricted health condition, Respondent shall develop and maintain, as part of the Needs and Services plan, a written Restricted Health Condition Care Plan;
- L. Within seven (7) days after the facility has been cited for a violation of licensing regulations, Respondent shall provide a copy of each citation to the board of directors of Claremont Sheltered Care Center, Inc.;

- M. Within seven (7) days after the board of directors of Claremont Sheltered Care Center, Inc. has met, Respondent shall provide a certified copy of the minutes of each meeting of the board to the Department; and
- N. Within seven(7) days of the effective date of this Stipulation Waiver, and Order, Respondents shall retain Oran Reznik pursuant to the representations made in letters by counsel for the respondents, Tom Curtis, dated March 3 and 6, 2009, (copies of which are attached hereto collectively as Exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by reference),

## 4. <u>FUTURE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, CERTIFICATION AND</u> TRUSTLINE REGISTRY:

- A. Licensure and Certification: Respondents shall not apply for, receive or hold any license or certification to operate any care facility licensed by the Department of Social Services including but not limited to any community care facility (CCF), certified family home (CFH), residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE), residential care facilities for persons with chronic, life-threatening illnesses (RCFCI) or child day care facility (CDCF) (as CCF, CFH, RCFCI, RCFE, and CDCF are defined in sections 1502(a), 1506(d), 1568, 1568.01, 1569.2, and 1596.750 of the Health and Safety Code) other than the probationary license issued herein, for a period of forty-two months from the effective date of the Order adopting this Stipulation and Waiver. A new probationary license issued solely upon a change of location is not prohibited by this paragraph.
- B. TrustLine Registry: Respondent Fitch shall not apply for or be registered as a TrustLine Provider as described in Health and Safety Code section 1596.60 et seq. for a period of forty-two months from the effective date of the Order adopting this Stipulation and Waiver.

C. Respondents understand and agree that the Department may deny any application submitted after forty-two months from the effective date of the Order adopting this Stipulation and Waiver, in whole or in part based upon the findings in this Stipulation and Waiver. However, Respondents shall be entitled to a hearing subject to the appeal on the denial of the license or administrator's certification and the timely filing of a Notice of Defense after the Department has served Respondents with a Statement of Issues.

- 5. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u>: If Respondents have successfully complied with the terms of this Stipulation, at the end of forty-two months from the effective date, the conditions imposed upon Respondents' license and administrator's certification will expire and Respondents' license and administrator's certification shall be granted or restored in full.
- 6. VIOLATION OF STIPULATION AND WAIVER TERM: Respondents agree that violation of any of the terms of probation or any of the other terms of this Stipulation shall constitute sufficient grounds for the revocation of the probationary license and administrator's certification granted herein, the exclusion of Respondent Fitch from employment, residence or presence in a licensed facility, and from having contact with clients of a licensed facility. In such an event, Respondents shall be entitled to an administrative hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings on the sole issues of whether there was a serious or substantial violation of a material term and/or condition herein, and whether Respondents have caused and/or permitted such a violation. Upon a finding that a condition or term of probation or any of the other terms of this Stipulation was violated, the probationary license and administrator's certification shall be revoked and Respondent Fitch shall be excluded from facilities licensed by the Department. Respondents agree that valid service of an accusation to

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revoke the probationary license or administrator's certification provided herein may be effectuated by certified mail at the address identified in paragraph 3 of this Stipulation or at an address listed in a subsequently issued probationary license.

- 7. DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY: The fact that the Department may decline or omit to take immediate disciplinary action for a violation of a condition of probation or any of the other terms of this Stipulation does not constitute a waiver by the Department of the right to raise that violation at a later date in a disciplinary proceeding or in any other context. Respondents understand that nothing in this Stipulation is to be construed to limit the authority of the Department to impose discipline for violations of statutes and regulations applicable to Respondents. If any accusation seeking to revoke probation is filed by the Department during the period of probation, then the period of probation and the probationary terms shall be extended, if necessary, beyond forty-two months and shall remain in force and effect until such time as the Department issues a final Decision and Order on the accusation.
- MONITORING FEE: Respondents understand that they must pay a probation monitoring fee equal to the annual fee for the license during the period of probation as required by Health and Safety Code Section 1523.1
- 9. WAIVER OF HEARING RIGHTS: The parties waive their rights to a hearing in this matter, to present any evidence on their behalf and to cross-examine witnesses testifying on the other party's behalf. The parties further waive their rights to further discovery in this matter.
- 10. WAIVER OF APPEAL/MODIFICATION RIGHTS: Respondents waive all rights of review arising out of this action or this Stipulation or the Order implementing it, including but not limited to a petition for reinstatement, reduction of penalty, or rehearing, writ of administrative mandamus, any other judicial or administrative review or any other right or ability he/she may have to seek to have this agreement modified or set aside on any grounds whatsoever.

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4	DATED CAREMONT SHELTERED CARE CENTER
5	INC. Respondent
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7	DATED DEBORAH JEAN PICH. Respondent
8	3-16-09 (WH)
S	DATED CURTIS & GREEN, FLP
10	March 17, 2009  NOAHALLEN (LLCan)
11	DATED NOAH ALLEN Senior Stati Course
12	Attorney for Complainent
13	3/24/09
74	DATED - 15Y JO PREDERICK, Complainent
15	Deputy Director Community Care Licenting Division Department of Social Services
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17	DECISION AND ORDER
18	The praceding Stipulation hereby is adopted by the Department as its
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20	Decision in this matter.  IT IS SO DEDERED THIS 26th DAY DE March 2000
21	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 26th DAY OF March , 2008.
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23	SHIRLEY D. RAMIREZ
24	Assistant Chief Counsel Legal Division
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9	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES		
10	STATE OF	CALIFORNIA	
11	IN THE MATTER OF:		
12	CLAREMONT SHELTERED CARE CENTER, INC.	CDSS No. 6208122001 OAH No.	
13	650 S. Indian Hill Blvd.		
14	Claremont, CA 91711	ACCUSATION (License Revocation)	
15	DEBORAH JEAN FITCH	CDSS No. 6208122001B	
16	DEBORAR JEAN FILCH		
17		ACCUSATION (Administrator Decertification)	
18	Respondents.		
19		DICTION	
20	1. This matter arises under the California Community Care Facilities Act,		
21	Health and Safety Code section 1500 <i>et seq.</i> , which governs the licensing and		
22	operation of adult residential facilities.		
23	2. The regulations which govern the licensing and operation of adult		
24	residential facilities are contained in California Code of Regulations, title 22, section		
25	80000 et seq., and section 85000 et seq. <sup>1</sup>		
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27	Subsequent references to any regulation section(s) a	re to thue 22-of the California Code of Regulations.	

Claremont Care Center, Inc.

- 3. The California Department of Social Services (hereafter "the Department") is the agency of the State of California responsible for the licensing and inspection of adult residential facilities.
- 4. Administrative proceedings before the Department must be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the California Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 5, Government Code section 11500 et seq.
- 5. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1553, the Department may institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against a licensee following the suspension, expiration, or forfeiture of a license.
- 6. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1551(b), the standard of proof to be applied in this proceeding is the preponderance of evidence.

### THE PARTIES

- 7. Complainant JO FREDERICK is the Deputy Director of the Community Care Licensing Division of the Department. Pursuant to Government Code section 11503, complainant files this Accusation (License Revocation and Administrator Decertification) (hereafter "Accusation") in her official capacity.
- 8. Respondent CLAREMONT SHELTERED CARE CENTER, INC., (hereafter "Claremont") is licensed by the Department to operate an adult residential facility at 650 S. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, California 91711 ("facility"). The facility was initially licensed on June 25, 2004. A copy of Respondent's most recent license setting forth the capacity, limitations, and effective dates accompanies to this Accusation as ATTACHMENT A and is incorporated by reference.
- 9. Respondent DEBORAH JEAN FITCH, a registered nurse, (hereafter "Fitch") is the owner and president of Claremont Sheltered Care Center, Inc. and is certified by the Department to be a residential facility for the elderly administrator and is employed by the licensee at the facility in that capacity. The Department certified Respondent Fitch on August 6, 2007. A copy of Respondent Fitch's most recent

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- 13. On or about March 18, 2008, and for an unknown period of time prior to this date, Respondents failed to provide sufficient medical care and services to client # 3 in that Respondents failed to monitor the weight gain of said client.
- 14. On or about, August 17, 2007 and August 18, 2007, after client # 4 complained of "shaking and being cold," Respondents failed to provide appropriate, prompt, and/or emergency medical care for client # 4 in that Respondents delayed in taking the temperature of said client.
- 15. On or about, August 17, 2007 and August 18, 2007, after client # 4 complained of "shaking and being cold," Respondents failed to provide appropriate, prompt, and/or emergency medical care for client # 4 in that Respondents failed to properly document or monitor the fever of said client.
- 16. On or about, August 17, 2007 and August 18, 2007, Respondents failed to provide appropriate, prompt, and/or emergency medical care for client # 4 in that Respondents improperly administered Tylenol to said client for her fever.
- 17. On or about August 17, 2007 and August 18, 2007, Respondents improperly administered Tylenol to client # 4 that had been prescribed for another client.
- 18. On or about August 17, 2007 and August 18, 2007, and for an unknown time prior to these dates, Respondents failed to provide appropriate, prompt, and/or emergency medical care for client # 4 in that Respondents improperly administered expired Albuterol to said client.
- 19. On or about August 17, 2007 and August 18, 2007. Respondent Fitch either instructed facility staff to or failed to prevent facility staff from administering Albuterol to client # 4, without a current order of said client's physician.
- 20. On or about August 17, 2007 or August 18, 2007, Respondents' staff person Adriana Moreno improperly contacted Respondent Fitch instead of immediately seeking emergency medical care for client # 4.

3 APPLICABLE LAW:

SUBJECT MATTER:

CONDUCT INIMICAL

Health and Safety Code sections 1550(c)

Regulation Sections 80042 and 85064.4

### ALLEGATIONS:

32. Respondents engaged in conduct that is inimical to the health, morals, welfare, or safety of either an individual in or receiving services from the facility, or the people of the State of California as alleged in paragraphs 11 through 31, above, and incorporated here by reference.

### CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

- 33. The facts alleged in paragraphs 11 through 31, individually and/or jointly, constitute violations of licensing laws. These facts provide cause, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1550(a)-(b) to revoke Respondent Claremont's license to operate the facility. These facts also provide cause, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1550(a-c) and pursuant to Regulation 85064.4 to revoke Respondent Fitch's administrator's certificate for adult residential facilities.
- 34. The facts alleged in paragraphs 11 through 31, individually and/or jointly, constitute conduct by Respondents which is inimical to the health, morals, welfare, or safety of either an individual in, or receiving services from, the facility or the people of the State of California. These facts provide cause, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1550(c), to revoke Respondent Claremont's license to operate the facility. These facts also provide cause, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1550(c) and pursuant to Regulation 85064.4 to revoke Respondent Fitch's administrator's certificate for adult residential facilities.

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### PETITION FOR RELIEF

35. WHEREFORE, complainant requests that Respondent CLAREMONT SHELTERED CARE CENTER, INC. license to operate an adult residential facility be revoked.

36. WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that Respondent DEBORAH JEAN FITCH administrator's certificate for adult residential facilities be revoked.

DATED: October 1, 2008

Deputy Director Community Care Licensing Division California Department of Social Services

#### DELEGATION

- 1. I hereby delegate to Robert Pate, as Acting Chief of Technical Assistance and Policy Branch; Jeffrey Hiratsuka, as Chief of Central Operations Branch, Ben Partington, as Program Administrator of Senior Care Program, Gloria Merk, as Program Administrator of Child Care Program, Sergio Ramirez, as Acting Program Administrator of Children's Residential Program, JoAnn Hirai, as Chief of Investigations Branch and John Rodriquez, as Chief of Continuing Care Contracts Branch; my power to issue the following administrative pleadings under the Administrative Procedure Act, Government Code Section 11500 et seq.:
  - (a) Accusations and orders for temporary license suspension prior to hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 1550, 1550.5, 1568.082, 1569.50, 1569.51, 1569.885, or 1596.886.
  - (b) Statements of Issues pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 1526, 1568.063, 1569.22, or 1596.879.
  - (c) Orders to require that an employee or prospective employee of a facility not work or be present in a facility pending a final decision of the matter, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 1558, 1568.066, 1569.58, or 1596.8897. They may exercise this power when, in their opinion, the action is necessary to protect the residents or clients from physical or mental abuse, abandonment, or any other substantial threat to the health or safety of the residents or clients.
- 2. These delegations are made pursuant to Government Code Section 7. They shall remain in effect until explicitly revoked.

DATE: 7-22-08

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